



### REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in this application. Claims 1-3, 6, 15-16, 18 and 20 have been amended. In making the amendments, all of the Examiner's objections and 112 rejections have been taken into account. A revised abstract in single paragraph form is presented.

Claims 1 and 2 are amended so as to include a limitation such as "outer peripheries of each of the optical elements contacts outer peripheries of adjacent optical elements". Such a feature is supported in Figs. 1B and 4A, and a last line of page 11 to line 2 of page 12 in the English specification of the present application. According to such a feature, the present invention can realize advantageous effects that are described in lines 2 to 12 of page 12 in the present specification.

In contrast, the arrangement of Fig. 3 of U.S. 6,324,010, (hereinafter, Bowen et al.) merely shows a structure in which a spacer 31 is disposed between two lens arrays 10. Applicant's submit that the advantageous feature of the present invention noted above is not disclosed or suggested in Bowen et al. or any of the other cited art; thus, the above amended claims 1 and 2 should be in an allowable condition.

Claims 15 and 16 have been amended in similar fashion and are also allowable. Claim 3 has been written in independent form and is also in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims all depend on an allowable claim and thus should also be allowed.

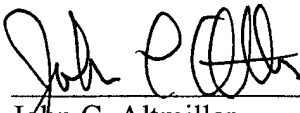
In view of the above, Applicants believe that all claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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